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Question: What is required of an Alternate Security Program to be acceptable in lieu of an SSP?

Answer:

CFATS provides that any facility receiving a final determination that it is high-risk may submit an Alternate Security Program (ASP) in lieu of the CSAT Site Security Plan (SSP). In addition, a facility that receives a preliminary Tier 4 high-risk designation may submit an ASP in lieu of a Security Vulnerability Assessment. An ASP must meet all requirements of the CSAT-SSP and provide an equivalent level of security to that established by the CSAT-SSP.

An ASP may be uploaded through the CSAT SSP. The facility must complete the Facility Operations section of the CSAT SSP and answer a series of questions relating to the factors for submitting an ASP and to the Department's determination of whether to approve an ASP. It may be useful to review the SSP Instructions and Questions available at <http://www.dhs.gov/chemicalsecurity>.